

**VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS MONTHS
2017**

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hyde County, North Carolina joins the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day every June 15th; and,

WHEREAS, protecting Hyde County's vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under State law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services; and,

WHEREAS, Hyde County's vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect or exploitation which can occur in families, long-term care settings and communities; and,

WHEREAS, in state fiscal year 2016 there were 25,980 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable and older adults were made to North Carolina's 100 County Departments of Social Services; and,

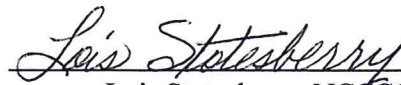
WHEREAS, national and international research shows that abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults is grossly underreported; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina enacted the nation's first elder abuse law and recognizes the need for a comprehensive system of protection for vulnerable and older adults; and,

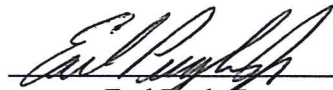
WHEREAS, Mother's and Father's Days are national holidays intended to honor, respect, and promote the dignity and well-being of our older citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Hyde County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim MOTHERS DAY to FATHERS DAY 2017 (May 14 – June 18, 2017) as “**VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTHS**” in the County of Hyde and commend its observance to all citizens.

ADOPTED this the 1st Day of May, 2017.



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